DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request
In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning
opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse
and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish periodic summaries of
proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of
the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 2760361.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: Voluntary Customer Satisfaction Surveys to Implement Executive Order 12862 in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) – (OMB No. 0930-0197) - Extension

SAMHSA provides significant services directly to the public, including treatment providers and State substance abuse and mental health agencies, through a range of mechanisms, including publications, training, meetings, technical assistance and web sites. Many of these services are focused on information dissemination activities. The purpose of this submission is to extend the existing generic approval for such surveys.

The primary use for information gathered is to identify strengths and weaknesses in current service provisions by SAMHSA and to make improvements that are practical and feasible.

Several of the customer satisfaction surveys expected to be implemented under this approval will provide data for measurement of program effectiveness under the Government Performance and Results Act. Information from these customer surveys will be used to plan and redirect resources and efforts to improve or maintain a high quality of service to health care providers and members of the public. Focus groups may be used to develop the survey questionnaire in some instances. The estimated annual hour burden is as follows:

Type of data collection	Number of Respondents	Responses/ Respondent	Hours/ Response	Total Hours
Focus groups	250	1	2.50	625
Self-administered, mail, telephone and e-mail surveys	89,750	1	.250	22,438
TOTAL	90,000			23,063

Send comments to Carlos Graham, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 15E57-A, Rockville, Maryland 20857, <u>OR</u> e-mail a copy to carlos.graham@samhsa.hhs.gov. Written comments should be received by [INSERT DATE

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